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Mr. William Billman  
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Dear Bill:

Your letter of 20 June to Allen W. Dulles, Director of Central Intelligence again puts me in contact with an old friend. I did not know that you were doing work for NANA. The last I had heard, you were with Mr. Truman.

Mr. Dulles, I am sure, would be pleased to see you and have a discussion but he does not grant Press interviews nor does he hold Press Conferences. His one or two speeches a year mark his public expressions. Since he became the Director of this very sensitive and secret organization he has given only one interview and that was with David Lawrence's U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT. I am enclosing a copy of that interview. I am also inclosing some data on the CIA and three of its principal officers which may be of value should you desire to do a story. In view of the policy of not granting interviews for direct quotations, the method that you propose of the secretary taking notes and you writing your story from the transcript would, of course, not be acceptable. Because of the laws governing our activities and our close relationship with other intelligence organizations both foreign and domestic, we not only do not make statements to the Press but neither do we confirm or deny anything said in the Press about CIA.

However, Bill, as you know, we will be helpful to you in every way possible and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Stanley J. Grogan  
Assistant to the Director

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